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## Law Day 2002

### Create Your Freedom: Assuming Equal Justice for All

Start the New Year by making plans for this year's Law Day activities. The ABA has published their "2002 Law Day Planning Guide" and put it on the web at <<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/guidemain.html>> for your convenience. It includes this year's theme, "Create Your Freedom," talking points on equal justice issues; school outreach ideas, activities, and lessons; how to reach the community and the media with sample program ideas, and how to enter award competitions.<sup>1</sup>

Read about last year's award winning programs at <<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/0aa/01win.html>> and <<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/finch/2001win.html>> to get some ideas for May 1st!

ABA has also created an interesting history of Law Day at <<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/history.html>> that you may find useful in your planning.<sup>2</sup>



## Racial Profiling

The American Civil Liberties Union maintains a website, "Arrest the Racism: Racial Profiling in America" at: <<http://www.aclu.org/profiling/>> for citizens to report cases of racial profiling and to keep the nation abreast of news on the topic.

At the website they distribute a free "bust card" which can be download at <<http://www.aclu.org/library/bustcard.html>>. The wallet-sized card, "summarizes what every citizen should know in case they are stopped by the police for questioning, pulled over on the road, searched, or arrested."<sup>3</sup>



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let it snow,  
let it snow!!



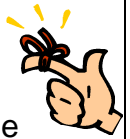
## Library Schedule



The Law Library will be closed on Monday, Jan 21, 2002 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## Current Members

**Don't forget** to renew your membership to the law library for only \$15.00. You won't want to miss the privileges of checking out books, this newsletter, using online computer resources, and more!



## Welcome! To Our Newest Members

Melissa Day  
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Lewis Harper  
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Corey Minor Smith  
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Tamara Stanford

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## New Rules Okay Electronic Service

On December 1st the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts passed amendments to the Federal Rules of Procedure that allow service of process and exchange of legal documents by e-mail, fax and other electronic means when all parties consent. For details see: <[http://www.uscourts.gov/Press\\_Releases/elec.pdf](http://www.uscourts.gov/Press_Releases/elec.pdf)><sup>4</sup>

## PowerPoint Viewer

Just as you use Acrobat Reader to view PDF documents, now you can view PowerPoint presentations without buying the program! You can download the free PowerPoint Viewer for Windows95/98/2000/NT/ME at <<http://office.microsoft.com/downloads/9798/ppview97.aspx>>. It only takes a minute or so to download and install.<sup>5</sup> Once in place you can see such Power Point Presentation as:

- "Keeping Up Without Cracking Up ... or Breaking Down by Shirl Kennedy", at <<http://www.virtualchase.com/trainers/>><sup>6</sup> which takes a few minutes to download but contains excellent tips on time management tools!
- "Making Law Therapeutic for All: The 'Lawyer Personality' & Fundamental Change in the Legal Profession." While created in 1999, the ideas presented are still very good today! It is located at <<http://users.law.capital.edu/sdaicoff/newerslidesaftart399/newerslidesaftart399.ppt>>
- "e Lawyering and the Legal Profession" at <<http://www.elawyering.org/what/elawyering4.ppt>>
- "What Makes Web Sites Credible?" is located at <<http://www.webcredibility.org/>>

To find more presentations, go to the Google Advanced Search page, <[http://www.google.com/advanced\\_search](http://www.google.com/advanced_search)>, enter a search term (I used 'lawyer') and in the File Format section use the "pull-down" menu and select "Microsoft PowerPoint (.ppt)".



After you see the impressive visual impact of PowerPoint, you may want to consider using it for your opening statement! For more information see "Creating Visual Evidence" in the May 2000 issue of the *Stark County Bar Journal*.

## "Best Free Reference Web Sites 2001"

Located at: <<http://www.ala.org/rusa/mars/best2001.html>> the following are but a few of the gems you will find listed there.

**Africana.com** <<http://www.africana.com>> is "a particularly good site to consult for people and current events in the black community." **Bartleby.com** <<http://www.bartleby.com>>, the preeminent

Internet source of quotations and facts from 33 reference sources; **Bureau of Labor Statistics** <<http://stats.bls.gov>>; **CEO Express** <<http://www.ceoexpress.com/>> is "a mega-site for all things news and business." **FirstGov.gov** <<http://www.firstgov.gov>>; **Lives, the Biography Resource** <<http://amillionlives.com>> is "an extensive and well-organized biographical site that focuses on individuals as well as groups of people." **Nationalissues.com** <<http://www.nationalissues.com>> "No spin, just the facts." **Sperling's BestPlaces** <<http://www.bestplaces.net>>, a good source of information for use in custody cases; **State and Local Government on the Net** <<http://www.piperinfo.com/state/>>, a guide to government sponsored Internet sites; **Statistical Resources on the Web** <<http://www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/Documents.center/statsnew.html>>; **Telephone Directories on the Web** <<http://www.teldir.com/eng/>>.<sup>7</sup>

## What's New Around the "Net"

LexisNexis has acquired CourtLink to offer online electronic court record access and electronic filing services. To view the press release, see <<http://www.lexisnexis.com/about/releases/0454.shtml>> <[http://www.netforlawyers.com/lexis\\_courtlink.htm](http://www.netforlawyers.com/lexis_courtlink.htm)>.<sup>8</sup> They have also added a "New Customer Service Option" via the Web at [www.lexisnexis.com/printcdsc](http://www.lexisnexis.com/printcdsc) <<http://www.lexisnexis.com/printcdsc>><sup>9</sup>

Virtual Chase has added a chapter on Education Law at: <[http://www.virtualchase.com/resources/education\\_law.html](http://www.virtualchase.com/resources/education_law.html)> which provides several resources useful to those conducting research in education law issues.<sup>10</sup> Also at Virtual Chase <<http://www.virtualchase.com/articles.shtml>> are three articles previously published in Law Office Computing, which have been revised to incorporate important changes since their original publication. The articles cover:

- the use of news alert services "You Have News!"
- factual research strategies "Just the Facts!"
- browser power searching "Browser Power"<sup>11</sup>

Northern Light has a new search feature called Custom Search Folders™ that "dynamically organize search results by creating folders of documents with similar subjects, sources, or types." See how it works at <[http://www.northernlight.com/docs/search\\_help\\_folders.html](http://www.northernlight.com/docs/search_help_folders.html)>.<sup>12</sup>

MSNBC puts "News Alert" on your desktop with their new utility for instant coverage of breaking news. When news happens, the utility sends a pop-up message to your desktop. For more information see: <[http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/011128/282313\\_1.html](http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/011128/282313_1.html)><sup>13</sup>

Do you know how much of your hard drive space

Windows XP takes up? For eye-opening answers see:

- Home Edition System Requirements at <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/home/evaluation/sysreqs.asp>
- Professional Edition System Requirements at <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/evaluation/sysreqs.asp><sup>14</sup>



## Have You Seen These?

- "Ten Habits of Highly Effective E-mailers" at <http://www.llrx.com/features/tenhabits.htm><sup>15</sup>
- "Is Your Office Paper Stacked Against You?" at [http://www.enn.com/news/enn-stories/2001/11/11132001/s\\_45536.asp](http://www.enn.com/news/enn-stories/2001/11/11132001/s_45536.asp)<sup>16</sup>
- The Legal Research Shortlist" at <http://www.lawyernetbook.com/downloads/shortlist.html>
- FirstGov for Seniors at <http://www.seniors.gov/>, which is a good federal resource for the elderlaw practitioner since it contains information on "Consumer Protection", "Health", "Seniors and Computers", "Tax Assistance", and other topics.<sup>17</sup>

- Links to the Wonderful World of Presentations at <http://www.llrx.com/columns/guide58.htm><sup>18</sup>
- "DNA Testing: An Introduction for Non-Scientists" at <http://www.scientific.org/tutorials/tutorial.html><sup>19</sup>

## Articles of Interest for Both You And Your Business Clients

"Are Businesses Liable for Unintentionally Spreading Computer Viruses?" at: <http://www.gigalaw.com/articles/2001/hollander-2001-11-p1.html><sup>20</sup>

"Thinking About Law Firm Security After September 11th" at <http://www.llrx.com/features/lawfirmsecurity.htm> focuses on two major aspects of a security review; protecting people's lives and protecting their work.<sup>21</sup>

"Business Implications of the U.S. Anti-Terrorism Law" by Debra D. Bernstein and Jonathan Winer at <http://www.gigalaw.com/articles/2001/bernstein-2001-11-p1.html><sup>22</sup>

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